10, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;

11. Transport subsidy on movement of seeds.

Assistance to Maharashtra for Feed and Fodder

2321. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided Central assistance to Maharashtra for feed and fodder of the livestock during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether the drought prone areas of the State have been covered;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) action proposed to be taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has provided assistance to Government of Maharashtra under Central Minikits testing programme of fodder crops and Assistance to States for feed and fodder development. The yearwise breakup as follows:—

Particulars	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Central Minikits of fodder crops supplied	17,542	19,500	21,000
Assistance to State under Centrally Sponsored Scheme For Feed and Fodder Development (Rs. in lakhs)	2.67	4.56	—

(c) Drought prone areas have partially been covered.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) As mentioned at (b) above.

Development of livestock and poultry

2322. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to develop livestock and poultry in Ninth Plan;